

## A FATAL EXPLOSION.

**Jersey City Gas Works Explode and Three Men Are Killed—A Heavy Fire Follows.**

**Judge Breathitt Renders an Important Decision—Another Filibustering Expedition Leaves For Cuba.**

New York, Dec. 24.—The Jersey City Gas Works were wrecked this morning by an explosion. Three people were killed and several more severely injured. As a result of the explosion a paper mill was set on fire, the Central trestle is now burning and much valuable property in the neighborhood was badly shattered.

### JUDGE BREATHITT'S DECISION.

**Says a Convict Murderer Can Not Be Tried For His Crime.**

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 24.—According to the ruling of Circuit Judge Breathitt, of Lyon county, a convict can force the governor to pardon him or else murder his fellow convict with impunity. Warden Happy, of the Eddyville branch penitentiary, writes today to Attorney General Taylor that the judge has decided that he has no jurisdiction or right to try a convict guilty of murder inside the walls till the expiration of the term for which he was originally sentenced to the prison. This means, of course, that the man can not be punished for murder unless the governor pardons the first offense for which he is confined. This seems to be a brand new ruling, as numerous convicts in this and other states have been immediately tried and executed for killings within the walls.

### Small Failure.

Hawesville, Ky., Dec. 24.—R. B. Pierce, owner of the Falcon coal mines, made an assignment today. The failure is a small one, and was not unexpected.

### WEATHER.

Dec. 24.—Fair Warmer Sat.

## A FOOT BALL

**And a Young Lady Who Wasn't Afraid to Kick It.**

This afternoon a crowd of boys was playing foot ball near Fourth and Washington streets, when a stylishly dressed and attractive young lady came along. The foot ball passed near her and with a skip and a jump, her dainty toe landed on the oval. There was a meteoric display of lingerie and a shapely ankle, and the ball shot high above the tree tops. The young lady smiled and passed on. Quite a number happened to see and enjoy the unusual occurrence.

### \$10,000 DAMAGE SUIT.

**W. F. Dean Sues the Old People's Line.**

**For the Death of George Deen Last July.**

Willard F. Deen, administrator of the estate of George Deen, deceased, this afternoon filed suit in the circuit court against the People's Street Railway Company for \$10,000 damages.

He alleges that last July, one Saturday night, the deceased boarded a Rowlandtown car to go home, and that the motorman did not stop the car when the former rang the bell. He was thrown violently down at Twelfth and Trimble streets and died early the following morning from his injuries. The plaintiff accordingly sues for \$10,000 damages.

### SCHOOL BOARD.

**Regular Meeting Held Last Night—Big Coal Contract Let.**

**Teachers Allowed Their Pay—Mr. J. Andy Bauer Qualifies As a Trustee.**

The Board of Education met last night at the city hall in regular session, the January meeting, as is the custom, being held before Christmas, in order that the teachers can secure their checks and enjoy Christmas.

All the members were present except Trustees Smith and Byrd, who were on the sick list.

The minutes of the last meeting were read approved.

Miscellaneous bills to the amount of \$1,187.73, and the regular pay roll of \$2,228.26 were allowed.

Superintendent McBroom's report showing the average daily attendance for the month to be 1,899, and for the year, a total of 189,900, was read.

The treasury of the board was reported to be in good shape.

## JUDGE BISHOP'S LAST COURT.

**Meeting of the Members of the Paducah Bar Held This Morning at Court House.**

**Resolutions Passed and Appropriate Remarks Made—Many Lawyers Speak—Judge Bishop's Farewell.**

The Paducah bar met at the court house this morning, and Col. L. D. Husbands, circuit judge-elect, was chosen to preside, with Clerk J. Will Fisher secretary.

A committee composed of Attorneys Henry Burnett, L. M. Quigley, W. D. Greer and T. E. Moss, was appointed on resolutions. After retiring, the committee returned the following resolutions:

Whereas, The Honorable Judge of the McCracken Circuit Court, W. S. Bishop, has been intimately associated with the members of this bar for the last seventeen years, and during that time has by his uniform courtesy towards the members of his court and the fairness of his decisions won their affection, respect and esteem, therefore, be it

Resolved, That as this is the last term of court over which he will preside before retiring from the bench, we wish to express to him our appreciation for the public services he has rendered during his long term in office, and for the patient, untiring zeal he has shown in his efforts to dispense justice.

We have ever recognized in him purity both of heart and mind, and the ability of an honest, hard-working and upright judge and learned jurist, and because of these qualities we have learned to love and respect him and will ever remember him with honor and pride.

We take pleasure in saying that no man who has heretofore been honored with this high position has filled it more acceptably, both to the members of the bar and to litigants, than Judge Bishop.

We express to him our unanimous wishes for his future prosperity, success and happiness.

Signed: W. D. Greer, Henry Burnett, Thos. E. Moss, L. M. Quigley.

Appropriate remarks were made by Col. Q. Q. Quigley, Josiah Harris, Thos. E. Moss, E. W. Bagby, R. T. Lightfoot, Henry Burnett, Hense G. Harris, Sam Houston, and Col. L. D. Husbands. It was ordered that the resolutions be spread on the records of the court and published in the city papers.

Judge Bishop then made a farewell talk that was greatly appreciated by all those present.

## THE FATAL GRAVE.

**A Little Child at Paducah Buried To Death.**

Princeton, Ky., Dec. 24.—The child of Col. Humphreys in this county, was burned to death this morning by its clothing catching fire from a grate.

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## THE THREE RIVERS.

**Marine Items Picked Up Around the Wharf of General Interest.**

Capt. Dave Woods is on the Leyhe fleet tug Echo.

Capt. Henry Leyhe has gone to St. Louis to spend the holidays.

Capt. Fred Daft went home today to spend the holidays.

The towboat Defender left Pittsburg today with a tow of coal for southern points.

The steamer Tennessee arrived here early this morning out of the Tennessee river.

Business was very active on the wharf boats and levee today, there being considerable freight handled to the outgoing packets.

The Tennessee brought out of the Tennessee river this morning several hundred head of cattle, besides no little amount of miscellaneous freight.

The Wash Henshell arrived here late yesterday afternoon from Mississippi river points with a big tow of lumber, which goes to Cincinnati.

The Dick Fowler cleared for Cairo this morning at 8:30, doing a nice business. She will remain here tomorrow on account of it being Christmas.

The river rose here last night eighteen inches and continues to swell at a lively rate, almost covering the bar last night. By tomorrow morning that eyecore to river men will be completely submerged.

## MORTON'S OPERA HOUSE.

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